

1st Prince Eugene's *SPEECH* to his Soldiers.

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THE 12th of October Prince Lewis received Advice, That the Count de Guiscard had passed the Rhine at Newbourg, and had seized that Place. Whereupon he advanced the next day with his Army, which consisted of Eight thousand Men, in order to meet him. He then left his March and found himself involved between the Two Bodies of French, one commanded by the Marquis de Villars, the other by the Count de Guiscard.

The French Highness was marching, having already passed over a Bridge with the best part of the Army. Count Mercy, who commanded the Rear Guard consisting of Four hundred Horse, gave him Notice, That the Marquis de Villars was advancing towards him with Three Battalions of Foot and Forty Squadrons of Horse, in order of Battel. Whereupon he immediately caused the Army to turn back, and fought against the Enemy.

The Two Armies being come within 1500 Yards of each other, both made a Halt, and were about an hour preparing for the Engagement; which his Highness began, by plying the Enemy with his Cannon, and causing his Cavalry to charge theirs. Our Success at first was very good, the Horse having obliged that of the Enemy to give way: But on a sudden (the Reason could never be discovered) the Second Line of our Cavalry was put into disorder, which occasioned such an Alarm, and a Confusion, that all our Horse went off the Field, and it was impossible to make them recover the Ground.

The Highness could then have no other Thoughts, than of making the best Retreat he was able with the Infantry; but they, not being at all concerned that the Horse should thus deserted them, or that the Enemy was so much stronger, attacked their Ranks with great Bravery, that they broke their Ranks, and drove them out of the Plain into a Neigh-

Bouring Wood, through which they pursued them near to Fluningen. It is observable, That our Foot having spent their Powder, did the greatest Execution with their Swords and Bayonets, in sight of all the Fire of the Enemy. The French Horse were, as one may say, Spectators of the Defeat of their Foot, having all along continued in the Plain without making any Motion, till seeing their Infantry routed, they retired likewise near to Fluningen.

After this Victory we remained five whole hours upon the Field of Battel; and the Prince Lewis continued his March according to his Resolution in the Morning towards Strasbourg.

The Enemy, in the first Engagement, which was between our Horse and theirs, took 11 Pieces of Cannon from us, which our Foot retaken, with Five of theirs; whereas for want of Horses, we could bring off but two, and buried the other Three.

It cannot be easily imagined how great a Body of Foot as the Enemy's was surprised by their Horse, flushed with the Success they had obtained over ours, could suffer itself to be pursued and defeated in this manner by so small a Body as our Infantry was in comparison of them; nor can any other Reason be given, than that the Enemy believing the Victory was already theirs, thought only of Plundering, and not of beginning a second Engagement.

Our Loss amounts to 1500 Men, killed, wounded, or taken Prisoners; the Counts of Fürstenberg and Hohenollern, two of our Lieutenants-General, being reckoned among the Slain. There cannot any Judgment be made of what the Enemy lost, because the greatest Slaughter of them was in the Wood; but according to the Report of Detachments, and the Advices from their Camp, it was no less than double to ours. As for our Losses, we have none, our Soldiers having no Quarter.

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